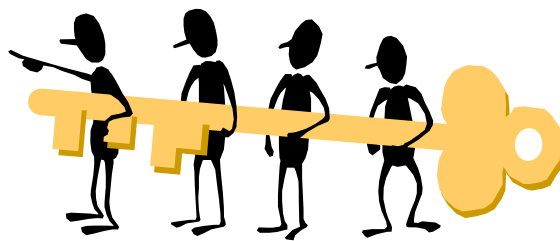




COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has”

-- Margaret Mead

Did you know?

- Nonprofits specializing in community development address **wide-ranging issues**, such as unemployment (**SoundWorks Job Center**), environmental work (**Living Earth Institute**), minority rights (**Seattle LGBT Community Center**), and historic preservation (**National Trust for Historic Preservation in the US**). All have one thing in common, however: they all strive to build and preserve a sense of community.
- In the early 1970's **Southeast Seattle** became the city's preferred location for all **subsidized housing**. Many southeast neighborhoods were without basic amenities such as sidewalks and curbing. The closest medical clinics were a long and inconvenient bus ride away for many Southeast residents. When communities are in this type of situation, many times nonprofit groups take the lead in improving the community. For example, in the last three decades, **SouthEast Effective Development (SEED)** has brought over **\$150 million** into Rainier Valley communities for **economic development, affordable housing, and arts programs and projects**.
- The **combined population of the world's urban areas** now exceeds what the entire **world's population was in 1955**. With this kind of dramatic growth, it is important to make sure communities are planned appropriately. Citizen groups like **Sustainable Seattle** create opportunities to learn about **sustainability**, develop tools to monitor **communities' progress** toward sustainability, and **foster dialogues** among diverse constituencies and their development of local models.
- **Volunteers for America** prides itself in having served over **2 million people in 44 states** throughout the life of the organization. Right now, one of their main projects is to **re-open affordable housing** in New Orleans previously destroyed by **Hurricane Katrina**. Volunteers of America is one of the largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing in the country, and owns and operates more than **300 affordable housing communities in 31 states** that are home to more than **20,000 people**.

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Nonprofits Doing Work in this Area:

Feet First	Heifer International
Interim Community Development Association	Helen Keller International
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle	Hepatitis Education Project
Living Earth Institute	Human Life of Washington Education Foundation
Phinney Neighborhood Association	International Orthodox Christian Charities
Rutherford Institute	Ivory Coast Medical Relief Team
The Salvation Army	Lions Clubs International Foundation
Seattle LGBT Community Center	Lutheran World Relief
Southeast Effective Development (SEED)	MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Sound Works Job Center	Mercy Corps International
Sustainable Seattle	National Trust for Historic Preservation in the US
Volunteers of America	Northwest Sustainable Energy for Econ Dev
ACCION International	Opportunity International
Africa-America Institute	PETsMART Charities
African Medical & Research Foundation	Plan USA (formerly Childreach)
Alliance for Education	Planned Parenthood - World Population
American Jewish World Service	P-Patch Trust
American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)	Prison Fellowship
Arboretum Foundation	Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Bread & Water for Africa	Salvation Army World Services Office (SAWSO)
Camp Fire USA --Snohomish County Council	Seattle Glee Clubs
Cascade Land Conservancy	Seattle Goodwill Industries
Catholic Relief Services	Seattle Parks Foundation
Child Abuse, Sexual & Domestic Violence Prevention Center	Share Our Strength
Christian Children's Fund	Social Justice Fund Northwest
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)	TechnoServe, Incorporated
Church World Service/CROP	Tiger Woods Foundation, Inc.
City Year Seattle/King County	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Community for Youth	United Methodist Committee on Relief
ECHO	Viva Hispanic Foundation NW
Evergreen State Trails Association	Washington Assistive Technology Foundation
FINCA International	Washington CASH
Gay City Health Project	World Concern- CRISTA Ministries
Gay Community Social Services	
Habitat for Humanity- Spokane	